HOUSE BILL 3366 By Jones, S.

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3, Chapter 6, Part 1, relative to certain lobbying activities.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3, Chapter 6, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

Section ____. (a) Each registered lobbyist shall be required to wear a picture identification badge when conducting lobbying activities on the premises of legislative plaza, the War Memorial Building, or in the state capitol when the legislature is in session. The badge shall be issued annually and contain all of the following:

- (1) A recent picture of the lobbyist;
- (2) The name of the lobbyist;
- (3) An alphabetic letter or number code assigned by the registry of election finance.
- (b) The registry of election finance shall, at the time of registration, assign a unique registration code to each lobbyist consisting of identifying letters or numbers or a combination of letters and numbers to be placed on the badge required by subsection (a). On the badge, the code shall be of a type, size and color so as to be easily read. The code shall be used for the purpose of identifying a specific lobbyist as well as the name and address of the person, persons or entities each such lobbyist represents. The registry shall maintain a separate listing of the codes assigned to each lobbyist with a

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cross reference to the names of the lobbyists as well as the names of the person, persons or entities represented by the lobbyists.

- (c) The registry may issue the badges or may contract with another entity for the issuance of such badges and arrange for the payment for such issuance from the additional moneys paid by the lobbyists for such purposes in accordance with the provisions of §3-6-105(b).
- (d) A person who performs lobbying activities but receives no pay or any other consideration and is, therefore, not required to register under the provisions of this chapter is encouraged to wear a badge which meets the requirements of subsection (a) except that the badge shall indicate the name of the person as well as the organization the person represents instead of containing a code to represent such organization.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-6-105(b), is amended by deleting the language "twenty-five dollars (\$25.00)", and by substituting instead the language "thirty dollars (\$30.00)".

Section 3-6-105(b) is further amended by deleting the word "All" from the third sentence and by substituting instead the language "Except as provided in subsection (b)(2), all".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-6-105(b), is further amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (1), and by adding the following language to be designated as subdivision (2):

(2) Five dollars (\$5.00) of the filing fee as required in subsection (b)(1) shall be used for the picture identification badge required by Section 1 of this act.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 1998, the public welfare requiring it.

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